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## **TAC Minutes, 07/13/2011**

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 7/13/11, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jean Clark, Wayne Chouinard, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Rich Turcotte, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Andy Machado, Steve Kurland.

Visitors Present: Adam Kurowski, Town GIS Coordinator, Deborah D'Amico, Hardy School Principal

1. Public Comments. None.
2. Hardy School Recommendations. Scott presented recommendations for minimizing traffic congestion around Hardy School resulting from temporary closing of Thompson School. Recommendations include remote drop-off zone, signage at Brooks/Chandler, additional staff parking at Lake St/Bike Path lot, and dispersing parked cars. Voted unanimously. Scott will prepare a report for Selectmen to be reviewed next month. Wayne will work on getting signs ready for start of school.
3. Administration.
  - a. Minutes of 6/8/11 were approved unanimously.
  - b. Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
4. Town reports.
  - Adam Kurowski, Town's new GIS Coordinator was introduced.
  - Building permit for Brighams site expected by end of month.
  - Wayne submitted a written report
  - Corey reported that there has been no word on grant for pedestrian and bike safety.
5. Mass. Ave. Corridor. Tony, Jeff, Wayne, Ed, Howard and Scott have been meeting with FST about queue length at Linwood signal. Working on a recommendation regarding one vs. two lanes at that intersection. There will be a meeting of the Review Comm. on July 20 to review the landscape and streetscape plan, followed by meetings with the businesses.
6. Mass/Water. Publicity is done and trial right turn only is set to begin on July 15.
7. Schools.
  - a. Thompson Rebuild Committee made some changes in response to TAC recommendations.
  - b. Stratton. Younger Thompson students will be going to Stratton. Drop-off strategies are being explored, for school bus and parents.
  - c. Flag trial. Currently there is no funding.
8. Brunswick Road. Correspondence from Eric Fitch requesting advice re. traffic calming. Brunswick is a private way, so Town cannot implement traffic changes. Howard will follow up.
9. CVS. Thermoplastic at crosswalk is still needed. Wayne will check on costs, Laura will contact attorney for CVS.
10. Route 77 Bus Improvements. Laura reported that the MBTA is revising their plan in response to comments from residents and Town. There will be a second public hearing in September. Scott asked if there will be priority at signals for buses. Laura will check.
11. Appleton Street. State is doing an assessment of the intersection for the Town. First draft of report will be ready at end of summer.
12. CLAMP. Meeting with consultants and Working Group coming up July 21.
13. Downing Square. BSC produced a plan. Improved parking. Church and Town both want to pull back wall on church property to improve sight lines. Cost estimated at \$9000. Town can pay if it improves public safety.
14. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

### **Meeting Materials:**

- Meeting packet for June: Agenda, 7/13/11; Members of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee, 6/9/2011; Minutes of 6/8/11; Letter to Brian Sullivan from Rick Cutler re. Ridge Street; Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, dated 7/13/11; BoS/ARB Project Status, 7/13/11; Status of Outstanding Actions, 7/13/2011; Draft Publicity Schedule leading to 7/15 Right Turn Only (Mass./Water), 7/13/11; Hardy School Drop-off Recommendations, 7/11/11; "Designing Streets for All of our Users", for Arlington Advocate, July, 2011; New Thompson Plan, 7/13/11.

- Plan for Downing Square
- Mass. Ave. Corridor Project Eastbound Queue at Linwood
- Memo from WAC to TAC Re. Update Items, dated 7/11/2100